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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of any non-US documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are provided herewith.

- 1. JP 2002-178178 A (English abstract is provided)
- 2. JP 2000-301374 A (Its English equivalent application US 6,087,625 is listed as Document 3)

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3. US 6,087,625 (English equivalent application of Document 2)

Documents 1-2 are cited in a Notification of Reasons for Refusal issued in the corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Notification is also enclosed.

Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first office Action, no certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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